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The Joke Book



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Strategy Focus

As you read, try to **predict** answers to the jokes in the story.



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Key Vocabulary

angry very upset

fussed acted in an unhappy way

groaned made a moaning sound

grumbled talked in an upset way

grumpily in a grouchy way

promised said he or she would
do something

Word Teaser

I rhyme with *tumbled* and
mumbled. What word am I?



Have you ever grumbled about something you had to do?



Have you ever **groaned** when things didn't go your way?



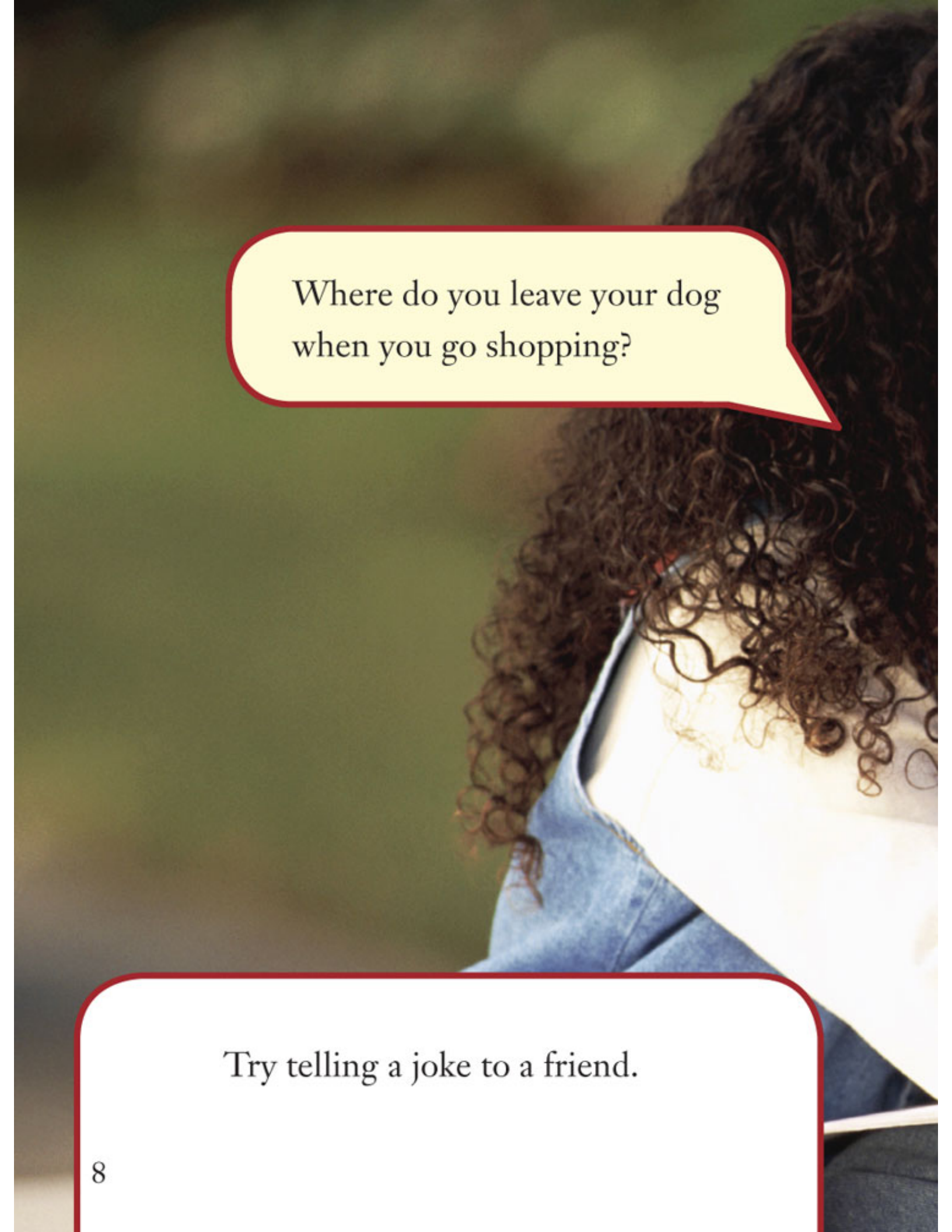
If you are having a bad day, don't just **fuss** about it. Try telling a joke!



Tell a joke to a family member.
Try using these tips.

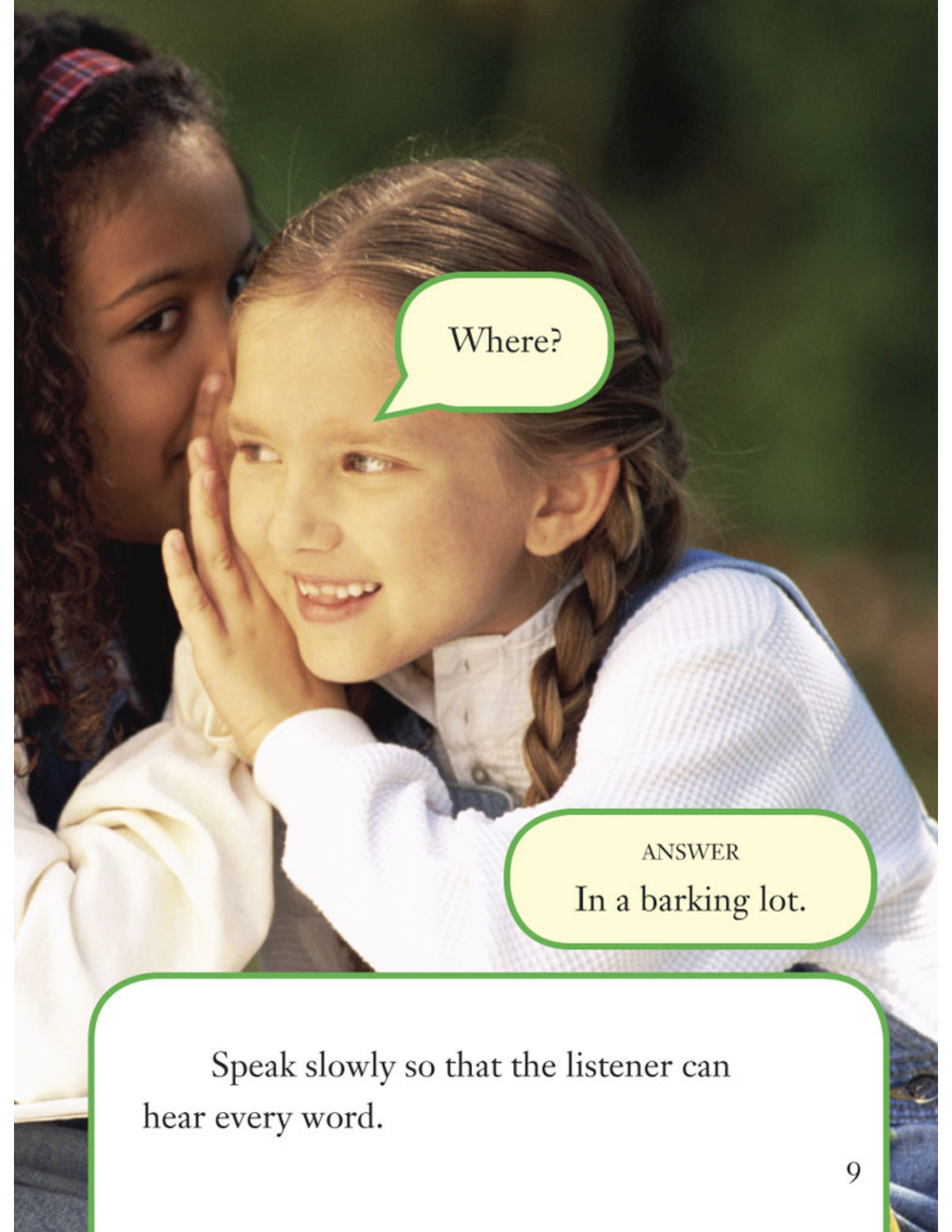


Use a happy voice. Don't speak **grumpily**.
Nobody likes to listen to an **angry** person.

A person with dark, curly hair is shown from the side, wearing a blue denim shirt and holding a white book. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. A yellow speech bubble with a red border is positioned in the upper left, and a white rounded rectangle with a red border is at the bottom.

Where do you leave your dog
when you go shopping?

Try telling a joke to a friend.

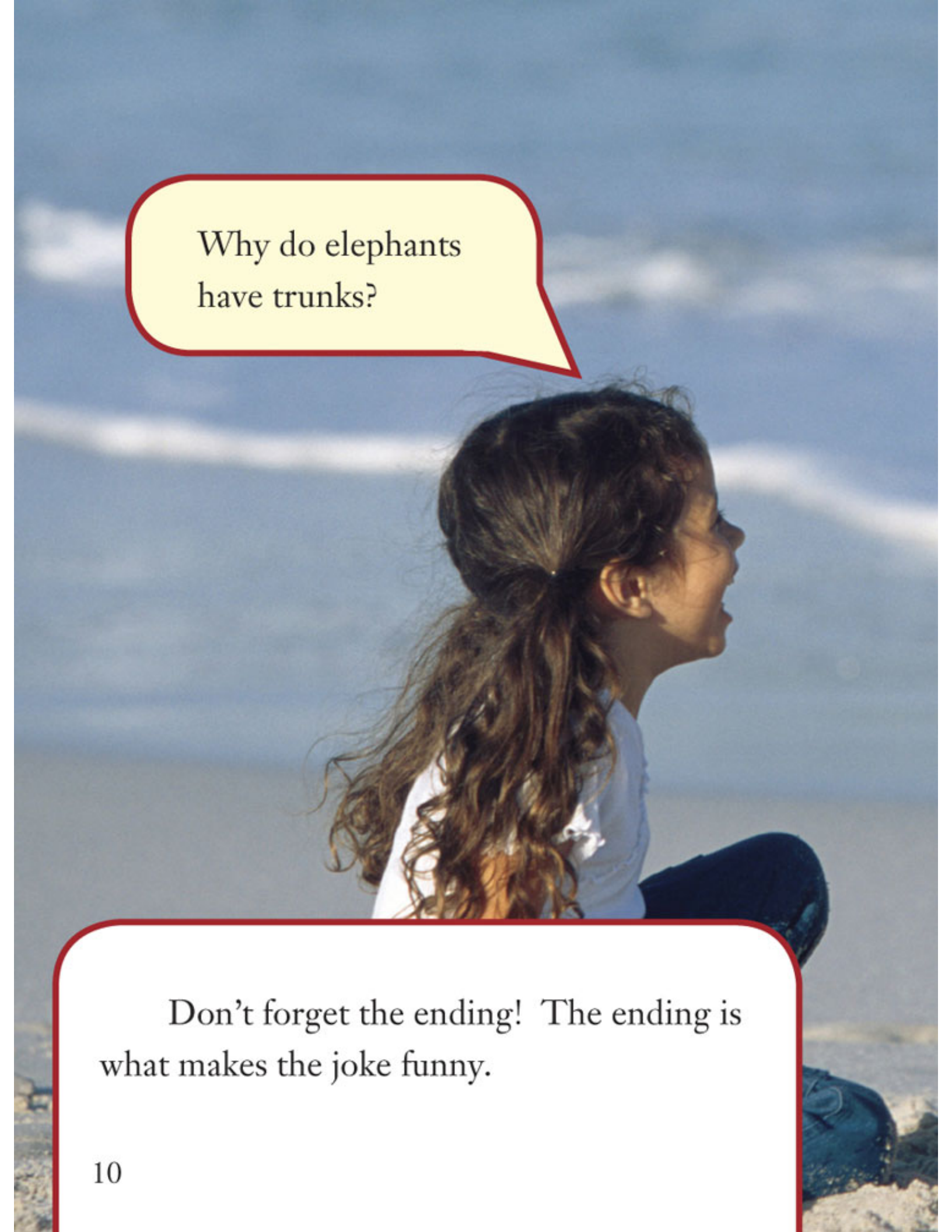
A photograph of two young girls outdoors. The girl on the left, with dark curly hair and a red headband, is whispering into the ear of the girl on the right. The girl on the right has light brown hair in a braid and is also smiling and looking to the side. A green speech bubble is positioned near the girl on the right.

Where?

ANSWER

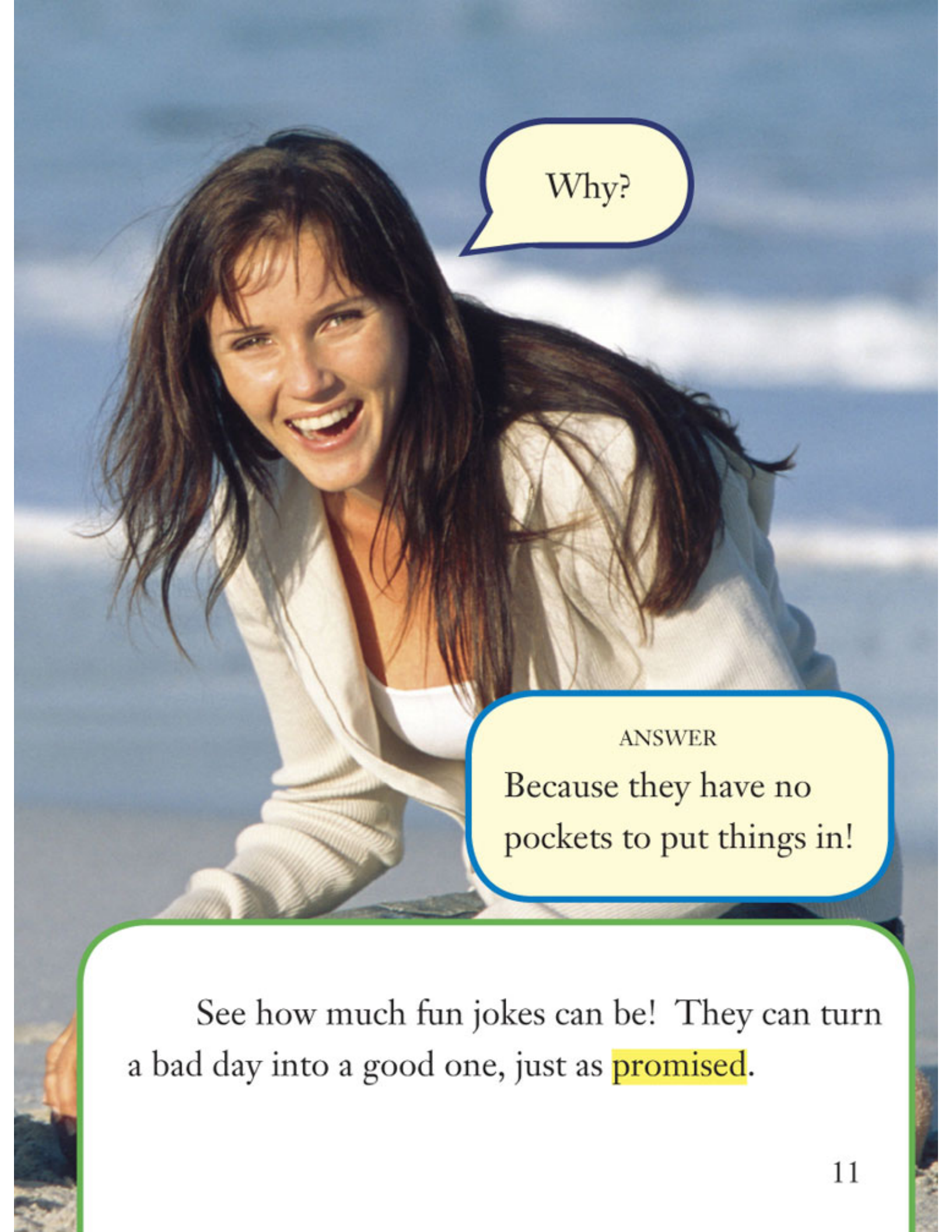
In a barking lot.

Speak slowly so that the listener can hear every word.



Why do elephants
have trunks?

Don't forget the ending! The ending is
what makes the joke funny.



Why?

ANSWER

Because they have no pockets to put things in!

See how much fun jokes can be! They can turn a bad day into a good one, just as **promised**.

Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. If someone **groaned** and **grumbled**, what might have happened to them?
2. What makes some people **angry**?
3. If someone **promised** to be your friend, how would you feel?
4. Complete this sentence:
The child **fussed** because _____.
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Think of a word you learned in the text. Explain it to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser
grumbled

Word Builder

Many of the words we use every day end with **ly**. An **ly** ending usually means “in this kind of way.” Copy the chart below and add the missing meanings. Add more words and meanings if you wish.

Word	Meaning
grumpily	in a grumpy way
safely	
slowly	
softly	

Write About It

Write a paragraph about a time when you acted **grumpily**. How did you make yourself feel better? Use at least two Key Vocabulary words in your paragraph.

Key Vocabulary

angry

fussed

groaned

grumbled

grumpily

promised

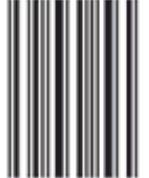
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